

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of: ACHIM  
QUAISER , ET AL.

Confirmation Number: 7651

Application No.: 10/525,708

Group Art Unit: 1639

Filed: May 22, 2006

Examiner: STEELE, Amber D.

Title: ISOLATION AND CLONING OF DNA FROM UNCULTIVATED ORGANISMS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendments  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2009, the time for responding extended to January 21, 2010 by the accompanying fee and petition, in connection with the above identified application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks:

The **Claims** begin at **page 2**.

The **Remarks** begin at **page 4**.

***Petition for Extension of Time:***

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time to extend the time period for reply from August 21, 2009 to January 21, 2010. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 033975, Order No. 009848-0314964, for the requisite extension fee and any other fees due in connection with this submission.